



## STEVEN'S ACE HARDWARE NIFTY FIFTY "TOOLING UP FOR THE HOLIDAYS" EVENT

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Tooling Up for the Holidays Party and Benefit will be held on **November 28, 2000** from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at **Stephen's Ace Hardware**, 929 E. Broadway Road, in Tempe. Proceeds from items purchased during the event will benefit Open Horizons Child and Family Development Center in Tempe.

The **1957 Wurlitzer Hi-Fi Stereo Jukebox** pictured to the left can be yours! Original 1950s records (45s) are included featuring songs like; The Purple People Eater, Leader of the Pack, Jailhouse Rock, and Splish Splash. Tempe Community Council will start selling \$5 raffle tickets for this beautiful antique on October 9, 2000. All proceeds will go to Open Horizons Child and Family Development Center. To purchase a raffle ticket, please call TCC at (480) 858-2300 or stop by our office, 634 S. Myrtle Avenue, to hear the Wurlitzer Jukebox play a few classic tunes. TCC would like to thank **Linda Spears** for donating the jukebox. The winner will be announced at Stephen's Ace Hardware at the Tooling Up for the Holidays event on November 28, 2000.

Open Horizons Child and Family Development Center, a project of Tempe Community Council, is a dropout prevention program for parenting teens in the Tempe Union High School District. Since 1989, Open Horizons has provided a range of services for these young parents including quality child care, parenting skills training, and case management for the teen parents and their babies.

## WELFARE REFORM UPDATE

MAXIMUS, the for-profit vendor operating a welfare reform pilot program called Arizona Works, recently released the following figures for **three quarters of operation, April – December 1999** at a presentation to the East Valley Resources Network in August 2000. The Arizona Works program covers much of the East Valley, including all of Tempe.

Activity	Goal	Year to Date
Placement of clients into full time employment*	30%	66.4%
Engage deferred (excused) participants	50%	22.3%
Overall placement of cohort group into full time employment*	10%	13.9%
Still working at 90 days following placement	75%	53.6%
Placement of cohort group into employment with wages of \$8.15/hour or higher	10%	40.9%
Reduction in long-term welfare dependency (regarding cash assistance payments in past 60 months beginning 4/99)*	30%	16.1%
Placement of cohort group into employment that offers health benefits.	25%	72.3%

\* MAXIMUS says AZ Works performance exceeds the State's EMPOWER program on these items

**Sanctioned Cases** – The Arizona welfare reform law allows for "sanctions" for non-compliance with the program. Sanctions involve reduction of benefits at varying levels, 25%, 50% and 100%. MAXIMUS states that 100% elimination of benefits is not imposed without some outreach including a home visit.

Sanction Level	# of Sanctioned Cases 4/1/99 – 3/31/00 (1 year)	# of Sanctioned Cases 4/1/00 – 7/31/00 (4 months)
25% Reduction	68	64
50% Reduction	46	42
100% Reduction	53	59